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SENATE BILL 6528

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By Senators Kastama and Kauffman

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1 AN ACT Relating to staffing and operational costs of the economic  
2 development commission; and amending RCW 43.330.250.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.330.250 and 2005 c 427 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The economic development strategic reserve account is created  
7 in the state treasury to be used only for the purposes of this section.

8 (2) One-third of the amount deposited in the account annually shall  
9 be reserved for and expended on the staffing and operational costs of  
10 the economic development commission created in chapter 43.162 RCW.

11 (3) Only the governor, with the recommendation of the director of  
12 the department of community, trade, and economic development and the  
13 economic development commission, may authorize expenditures from the  
14 nonreserved funds in the account.

15 ~~((3) Expenditures from the account shall be made in an amount~~  
16 ~~sufficient to fund a minimum of one staff position for the economic~~  
17 ~~development commission and to cover any other operational costs of the~~  
18 ~~commission.))~~

1 (4) Expenditures from the account may be made to prevent closure of  
2 a business or facility, to prevent relocation of a business or facility  
3 in the state to a location outside the state, or to recruit a business  
4 or facility to the state. Expenditures may be authorized for:

5 (a) Workforce development;

6 (b) Public infrastructure needed to support or sustain the  
7 operations of the business or facility; and

8 (c) Other lawfully provided assistance, including, but not limited  
9 to, technical assistance, environmental analysis, relocation  
10 assistance, and planning assistance. Funding may be provided for such  
11 assistance only when it is in the public interest and may only be  
12 provided under a contractual arrangement ensuring that the state will  
13 receive appropriate consideration, such as an assurance of job creation  
14 or retention.

15 (5) The nonreserved funds shall not be expended from the account  
16 unless:

17 (a) The circumstances are such that time does not permit the  
18 director of the department of community, trade, and economic  
19 development or the business or facility to secure funding from other  
20 state sources;

21 (b) The business or facility produces or will produce significant  
22 long-term economic benefits to the state, a region of the state, or a  
23 particular community in the state;

24 (c) The business or facility does not require continuing state  
25 support;

26 (d) The expenditure will result in new jobs, job retention, or  
27 higher incomes for citizens of the state;

28 (e) The expenditure will not supplant private investment; and

29 (f) The expenditure is accompanied by private investment.

30 (6) No more than three million dollars per year may be expended  
31 from the account for the purpose of assisting an individual business or  
32 facility pursuant to the authority specified in this section.

33 (7) If the account balance in the strategic reserve account exceeds  
34 fifteen million dollars at any time, the amount in excess of fifteen  
35 million dollars shall be transferred to the education construction  
36 account.

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